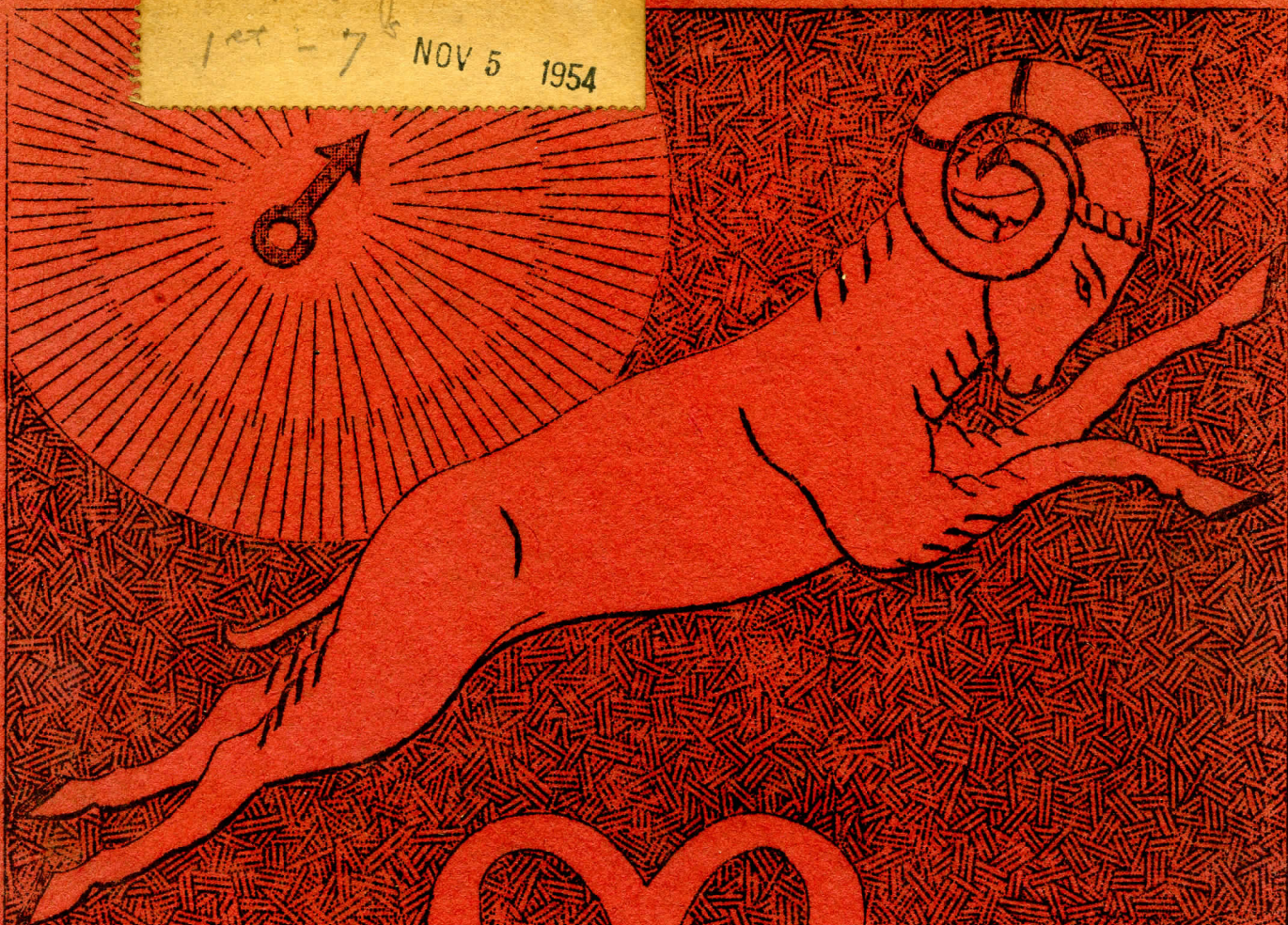


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THE MARS HARMONIC IS ONE WHICH PROBABLY MORE STUDENTS MISUNDERSTAND OR AT least fail to properly apply than any other. And if the student can become proficient in but one of these Harmonics he will be fortunate if it happens to be this Exercise of MARS-ARIES. Perhaps it is wise for me to suggest at the outset of this Harmonic that it will probably upset and even alarm most of you. Certainly it will require several reading of these first four pages before you adequately grasp, theoretically, all that they contain. The highly intelligent student will immediately focus his full resources upon any statement or proposition that upsets or confuses him---for he will instinctively realize not only that it contains a challenge, but that his mental or emotional patterns are being revised, if not actually destroyed.

Behind each of these Exercises, and underlying each Harmonic, there is a profoundly Cosmic, or Universal, Aspect of Life which explains and supports fully the various incidental points of these Lessons. In the Saturn and Uranus Harmonic we presented the Cosmic or Universal Principles behind, or within, the outer activities of each Sign of the Zodiac (divided into three parts, with a corresponding symbolism) in order to reveal a degree of that which we can but term The Absolute. This Cosmic superstructure will be continued in a later series of Harmonics--after you have mastered these preliminary exercises.

You may have already noticed the underlying relationship which runs through each of these Harmonics and ties them together in a coordinated unity. There is a distinct relationship between Saturn and Mars in an astrological sense; and the Occult Anatomy of your Individual Nature, your Self, carries forth this very same thing. The idea of the Saturn Harmonic was to begin to condense and contract your Aura. This Mars-Aries Harmonic continues this same idea, but with considerable technical expansion. At this point perhaps it should be stated that a remarkable relation exists also between Mars and Venus, our next point of operation. Mars is Personality, as opposed to Venus as Individuality. This very simple statement contains a profoundly significant principle of the Cosmic Laws which you will grasp only after you have begun to use the two Harmonics together; learning how to play, as it were, in the minor key--since all our Harmonics have been in a decidedly major (or Christian!) mood. So, for a time we are going to be emphatically un-Christian, some of you will surely be convinced. But I believe as time passes and you get into the hidden aspects of these Exercises, you will feel more close to The Great Piscean than before. (Simply because you will have learned HOW to feel, HOW to know, HOW to believe.)

At first it may seem that I am suggesting that you break the Commandments---in order for you to learn how to obey these Biblical Principles of Conduct. Allow me to say that before one can obey a Commandment one must understand that Commandment---and his own relationship to it. Until that aspect of the SELF (which obeys or breaks the Law) is understood, the Law is incidental--and usually neither broken nor obeyed, but miserably muddled and most ineffectually operated, if at all. We must obey, or disobey, with intelligence and system. Otherwise we are acting unconsciously, automatically--and very stupidly.

MARS HARMONIC: THE RESPONSE OF THE MILLIONS OF CHRISTIAN PEOPLES TO MOST OF the tenants of Christianity is a truly remarkable thing--remarkable for the almost total indifference they give to these teachings! The Rules and Regulations of Christianity were laid down by The Piscean in very general terms, and interpreted and systematized, in highly specific terms, by the Church authorities. No one, apparently, was expected to take these regulations seriously. But when a practising Christian did so, they became---a Saint. An incredible example of the power of Christ-like thought and action. The Church, Catholic and Protestant, owes its very existence to this handful of "religious excentrics" who took the Christian teachings seriously and wove them, scientifically, into a pattern of personal divinity which still astounds the world of ordinary Christians; men and women like yourself who "want to do the right thing" but do not understand just how to go about it---and so drift along with the mortal tide of frustrated souls.

Now, whatever else we may be able to accurately call a Saint, we could never call him a "frustrated soul." These strange people were anything BUT frustrated in their personal lives. Indeed, these miracle-working Mystics lived their lives in a state of the most glorious personal fulfillment and self-expression. And it is a matter of historical record that most of the Saints lived as gloriously in the gutter--as they, later, did at the Right Hand of God.

It is possible for me to write out these Harmonic Exercises in a few sentences, or short paragraphs. And some of you have remarked that you wished I would devote the entire four pages just to the Exercises. This I have done. Precisely! But you have failed completely to see the Exercise in its proper perspective, if you have been impatient with the explanatory paragraphs which, in most cases, have required more space than the simple technique of the Exercise itself. Many, many of you have written to tell me how many courses you have taken, how many exercise-systems you have undertaken, books you have purchased---and how little you have managed to get out of it all! Why? Largely because those other books, lessons and courses were cram-jam full of techniques, methods and short-cuts designed to put you where you wished to go, but fast. You never knew the WHY of any of it. And for this simple reason those otherwise excellent lessons have failed you. If the authors of these "unworkable" systems had taken the time to explain some of the psychological factors hidden within the lessons, the sale of their systems would doubtless have suffered (even as mine is now suffering!). Many years ago I was studying the piano with a teacher who simply told me to thus and so; and in spite of long practise at the piano I made little progress. Seeking another teacher, I met a musician who explained in detail WHY he wanted me to learn many little points concerning my fingers and arms. He explained the relations and interactions of certain nerves and muscles that I had never heard of---but his explanation took the painful mysteries out of piano technique, and I made rapid progress under his wise guidance. I trusted him completely because he at no time required me to do something unless he could explain the reason for it; thus giving me the needed confidence both in the system and in myself to master it.

Ninety percent of those beginning a new course in metaphysical instructions do so with little if any confidence in their ability to master it. This is hardly surprising since they purchase what is called a "Key" to the Cosmic Secrets. In driving our motor-cars if our knowledge amounts only to inserting the ignition key where it is supposed to go, sooner or later we come to grief---but we aren't surprised since we knew we were taking a chance. Why, then, why complain when your mystic Keys (at \$40 each) fail to take you where you want to go.

MARS HARMONIC: SHOULD I BE SO BOLD (AND BRAVE) AS TO SAY THAT FOR THE MARS EX-
ercise you are to daily commit a sin, break one of The Commandments, or in some
way violate an item of the Christian Code; should I say this in so many words
most of my readers would be disturbed if not actually horrified. Essentially,
this is exactly what I am going to recommend! But not quite in the way you are
expecting and certainly not for the reason most "sins" are committed. In order to
make any sense out of this proposition I must present the "why" of the Exercise,
(and thus annoy some of you who are ready to break The Commandments "because my
teacher, Gerald-Light, told me to.") I shan't tell any of you to commit any sin.
But I shall suggest that you may get more out of the sins you daily, and normally,
do commit! And for my authority I will again summon up the Saints of old.

Although you have read about it you have probably given little thought to one of
the most important similarities in the lives of these fascinating Saints of the
Church: the fact that before they became noted for their piety, their purity and
holiness, they were equally noted for achievements and activities that are thought
to lead one directly, and swiftly, to Hell. Most, if not all, of the greatest Saints
broke the Commandments with a skill and abandon matched only by their later ven-
tures in the realm of "spiritual glories." Whatever these people did it was in
a manner calculated to make the rest of the world sit up and take notice. All of
our Great Saints were sublime egoists. When they had wearied of the gutter and
the flesh-pots (realizing, in most cases, there was nothing more for them to taste
in that direction) with equal abandon and intensity, with incredible egotism, they
"turned to God." But this turning to God was not what most of us would suppose.
The idea of repentance, while certainly a part of their program, was only of an in-
cidental importance. The Saints turned to God because they were so full of them-
selves they could not turn to any one or any thing less than The Ultimate!

Lest you get impatient at this point and remark that most people ARE full of them-
selves, allow me to remind you that there is a vast difference between the self-
ness of a Saint and that of the average mortal whatever we may call it, egotism,
vanity or conceit. However annoying you may find the conceit of the average man
or woman, such self-awareness is childishly primitive compared with the super-
human egotism of the Great Mystics and Saints. Human vanity plays to a world of
little people and little principles. The ego of the enraptured Saint has for its
stage all heaven and earth--and The Creator thereof!

The Saint in his egoistic absorption is unconscious of the little world of humans.
(He dwelt in that, remember? and tasted all its delights and delusions long ago.)
Now he dwells upon the very threshold of the Cosmos itself--and in a state of
awareness, of self-consciousness no mortal man, however vain, can imagine. And in
this state of egoism, or self-exaltation, the entranced Mystic communes with the
Highest Powers of the Universe, Angels, Arch-Angels, Gods and Goddesses, in Truth.
A glory, a dream, a hope possibly burning deeply within the heart of every Child
of God, surely within every Student of the Cosmic Mysteries--but attained by few!
Why? Why do so few of us, yearning, longing, hoping fervently for Communion with
God, why do so few of us ever even approach, let alone reach, such a state????
Because we do not know how to live the good (God) life, some say. But the Great
Aquarian Teachers tell us it is because we do not know how to live even the life
that is un-good, the normal, human, sinful life of mortality.....

And this is not a riddle. It is not a clever play upon words. It is TRUTH!
It is a Truth each of must learn; and having learned, apply with understanding
and energetic devotion each day, each hour, of our conscious lives. Think on this.

MARS HARMONIC:

MARS - ARIES EXERCISE.

Since the proof of the pudding surely is in the eating thereof, I shall not endeavor to persuade you of the Truth of what you have just read: I will let you prove it to yourself to your complete satisfaction. I will let you prove that you know not even how to live the un-God-like life, the life of "sin and shame," to say nothing of living the Good or Christ-like Way of The Father. Remember the Biblical proverb: "He who hath not hated deeply canst not love deeply." Why? We might paraphrase this wonderful statement of the Ancients to read as follows: "He who breaks, crudely and inaccurately, My Commandments shall never keep Them in skill, science and certainty." How so? To sin, or break a Commandment, demands intelligence, courage, perseverance and great devotion of purpose..... You doubt?

It is probably true that you have never 'sinned' with your whole heart, your whole soul, mind and strength. And doubtless you are proud of that fact. And you are also now in pain, ill-health, poverty, unhappiness, even despair---because you have never 'sinned' with your whole Being. You have heard of "Split-personalities", you have pity for such people and wonder why they got that way. Perhaps you pray for some of them. My blessed Friend! You had better begin praying for yourself! And with your WHOLE HEART, WHOLE SOUL, WHOLE STRENGTH AND MIND. Why? Because your own personality is dangerously, painfully, split---unless, like he who is now The Saint, you can break every Commandment with skill and complete abandonment. At best you are a poor sinner, a clumsy, inept, fumbling breaker of the Laws. And because of this unskillful living, this unscientific self-expression, you are in a constant state of mental, emotional and material distress, disease, even death!

You still do not think so? Then follow this Exercise for one month, and you will. Once each day let go and 'sin' as though your life depended upon it. (It actually does!) This 'sin' can be the simple matter of a cigarette or a cocktail. It can be almost anything. And with different codes, in different circles, with various types of mentality, it will be highly individualized. You may yearn to lash out at some one and "tell them off." But you feel you must be kind, considerate, etc. But you long for the "day when I CAN tell 'im off." And so you swallow your irritation, your sense of righteousness---and YOU become sick, or fearful, or suffer somehow. Why? Any psychologist worthy of the name can tell you why; it does not require a spiritual confessor. Have you ever, really EVER, let yourself go as you long to???? No, you answer, because one must use self-discipline. But is that the REAL reason? Or do you lack the courage, the strength, the herosim to really let yourself go, and "roll in the gutter.?" Is it really kindness for the other ones that causes you to suffer in silence? Or, is it because you, yourself, would suffer more if you "blew up"? You want a cocktail. But you refuse it because your family, friends or "position" advises against it. Or is it because you lack the spunk to defy custom, conventions, and be yourself? Only YOU can answer these questions. And how you answer them will determine your state of happiness and success in life.

Dare you "sin" like the Saints of Old? Dare you let yourself go and live life as YOU wish to live it? Few of us do, and all of us thereby suffer---and die for it. But just say "DAMN!" once a day---with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength. Caring not who hears you, fearing no censure from others (or yourself)! Get that annoyance, fear, dread, or even hate, out of your system if only for a minute. Then observe the sense of peace, rest, comfort and strength that follows. Try it. But if you do it with the slightest reservation or alibi of any kind, it will fail in its cleansing, healing, renewing reaction. Have your smoke, drink, sex, gossip---or whatever IS the thing that is inhibiting and splitting your personality, your soul. (In the Venus Harmonic, to follow, we will discover how to eliminate all "sins.")

MARS HARMONIC:

MARS - ARIES EXERCISES

Because this subject of Sin is a touchy one, and one certain to be misunderstood by most of my Readers, I am extending the Lesson beyond the usual four pages in the hope that this additional space will give me more opportunity, ^{to explain} and you more opportunity to consider, the somewhat radical and surely unorthodox ideas of Sin. These Lessons are designed for Students of the Occult Mysteries, since readers of any other Christian ideology will find them not only useless but quite irritating. Consequently, the majority of you will long ago have dismissed the old Mosaic Code of the Bible and its god of vengeance, and substituted for it a standard which you have created year after year from your intellectual evolution and spiritual development. And this new standard is probably even more exacting, more overwhelming than anything in the old channels of orthodox Christianity. This is so because your new standard is largely self-imposed. Hence, today, you hesitate to smoke, eat meat, use alcohol or violate the hundred and one taboos because of no Last Day Judgment, but because it would be unacceptable to your Master, or to the Occult School or System of which you are a part. However, it little matters why the prohibition exists. The important thing is: Are you right in bowing to its dictates? Again that is a matter each individual must decide for himself.

The important principle of technique that I want to explain here is one you can never value too highly, for its simple application may save you from real disaster. Some will be humorous in their response and ask what to do if their secret sin is a desire to commit murder, or some such extreme crime. To which I will promptly, and in great seriousness, answer that this very exercise may, indeed! save you from just such a terrible crime! Murder is almost invariably the result of a great accumulation of tiny conflicts and stresses which have been built up in the mind over a period of years. Except in cases of obsession, and Karmic carry-overs as with the crimes of children, something as terrible as murder is never possible if the person has not been struggling for years with a veritable host of hidden, even unknown, desires and inhibitions. "Great oaks from little acorns grow" is highly appropriate as an example of the power of tiny "sins" to eventually produce crimes of an overwhelming and baffling character. Hence, my "Escape-valve" for this danger.

That minute or two which you use to indulge in one of your little sins may some day prove to be the very thing which saves you from total disaster. But to provide your emotional nature with the release it requires (in order to save it from total and disastrous explosion) you must be absolutely realistic and practical about this "submission to your sinful nature." For example: A Student of mine finds it possible to have a secret drink when he comes home from work now, and at no cost of self-respect or self-condemnation. Having struggled for years in his own mind against the desire because of taboos first developed in childhood, later in church, and finally from a study of metaphysics, this desire had become a haunting temptation assuming a dimension out of all proportion to its actual significance. This hidden desire prompted other complexes; irritation, nervousness, jealousy, etc., which were rapidly undermining his health. Finally, seeing the practical aspect in using this one sin as an escape-valve from the pressure of additional faults, this Student began, somewhat as a ritual, the enjoyment of a single glass of wine. But he did so, eventually, with no sense of guilt, restraint or self-condemnation. Today he is a well man, poised, patient, and undisturbed that he has other "sins" remaining to be controlled; for he confidently expects to handle these others as he now controls his rather pathetic desire for a "little nip after dinner." By no means has he become a drunkard, please note. For various reasons, too complex to give here, he had developed this notion for a toddy simply because so many of his friends were opposed to it, and he himself had made a fetish of it unknowingly.

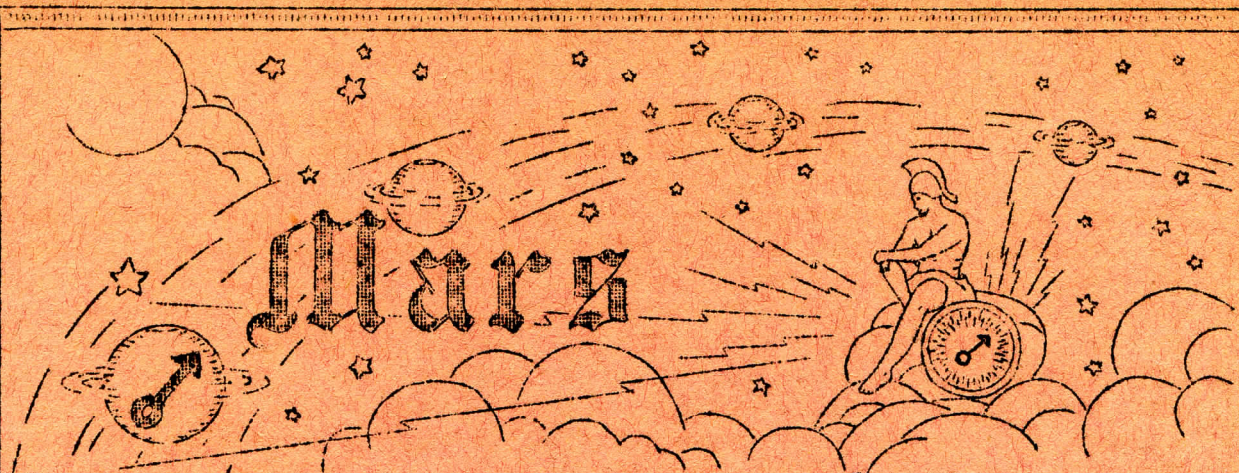
MARS HARMONIC:

Nothing removes our sins, and their temptations, so quickly as the bright light of Reality turned mercilessly upon them. Consider for example the case of Miss A. whose greatest "sin", in her own estimation, was gossip. Any capable psychologist could quickly have discovered that Miss A. had developed unnatural interest for gossip because of her experiences as a child and young woman fearing that her own privacy and personal life would be invaded as was the case with several members of her family. Regardless of the cause, Miss A. seemed unable to control her insatiable interest in the affairs of others, often strangers. As a member of an orthodox church she dismissed her "sin" as just one of those 'human' weaknesses mortals experience. But upon joining an occult group the nature and danger of gossip became a severe affliction that plagued her peace of mind and health of body. Whereas before she could enjoy gossip (and also relative peace of mind and body) she now became seriously upset with this temptation to "sin." Her repression of this desire acted like a stimulant and made her even more miserable. She had been in the habit of visiting an elderly invalid each evening who lived in the same apartment house. Under the pretext of bringing her some pudding or dessert Miss A. had devoted an hour or two each night to hearing from the old lady all that had transpired during the day in the huge apartment house.

Miss A. broke off her nightly visit to the elderly "gossip" and earnestly tried to spend the time in prayer and meditation. When she came to me she was near complete collapse due largely to the accumulation of other neuroses which had developed from this, to her, abnormal suppression of gossip. Upon my advice she resumed her nightly visits with the invalided friend--but with certain stipulations. She was to give her WHOLE mind and attention to this hour of gossip. And she was to completely dismiss all thoughts of "sin" or weakness which she had attached to it before. In other words, she was to wallow in this gossip as though her very life depended upon it. Then, when she retired, she was to review every bit of it for a meditation exercise. It was not long until Miss A. had enough of gossip, and all those things connected with it. Human beings are very much the same, although a slight difference may exist in the settings of their lives and affairs. Miss A. quickly perceived this---and lost most of her hidden, subconscious fears; and she also lost her taste for gossip. Her health improved. She found happiness within her own little world--a world she had formerly feared to observe lest she discover things she could not face. In short, she soon became fed up with her "sin."

You, also, will shortly become indifferent to your sins and their temptations---if you will seek to express these sins with your whole heart, mind and strength. For the moment we completely give ourselves to any "sin" we discover it is not nearly so attractive. But the eternal indecision, uncertainty and hesitancy most of us go through in regard to these temptations, endows them with a character, a glamor a delight they simply do not possess. That is why we must learn to express, to live and to "sin" with the full intensity of our whole being. Therefore, the suggestion from The Teachers is to take one small temptation and compel yourself to fully and completely test its nature by looking it squarely in the face. It is amazing how quickly the temptation vanishes under the blazing light of your full intelligence, your whole knowledge, your complete comprehension of its nature.

"Resist not evil" is the admonition of Old. To this we shall now add another fiat: "Love these things which tempt you--and they shall be transformed into a willing servant of thy illumined heart." And this is Wisdom from on High.



★ MARS IS ENERGY, PURE ENERGY. MARS IS THE ELEMENTAL FORCE and Power in all Nature, working largely through the Instincts of both men and animal Creatures. The way in which it will affect you personally depends upon the Aspects, Angles, of the the Rays of the ten Planets at the time and place, when and where you were born into this earthly plane. Mars may be shining with calm, controlled, benevolent Rays upon you, while at the same time it may be affecting your husband or wife, or your friends in exactly the opposite manner.

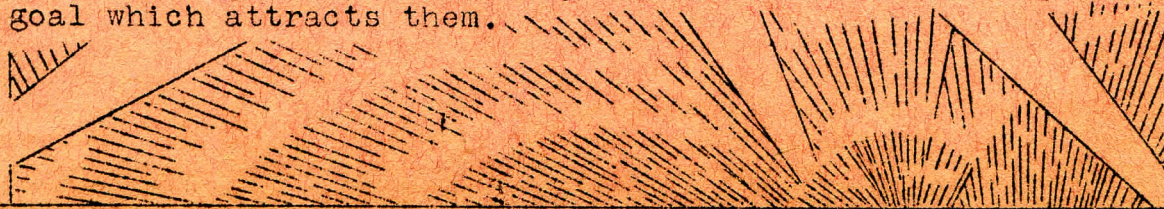
It is important to know the position of Mars at your time and place of birth, for he is the Planet of strife, of dangers and accidents. Too much energy is more dangerous than even not enough, for we can safely handle only a certain amount of the Cosmic Currents and Powers which come thru the Planets. When Mars pushes beyond our normal capacity, and charges us with an excess of his fiery energy, we generally get rid of most of it by having a fight, a quarrel, a good cry--or else an accident! Then we wonder why it had to happen to us!

Mars has a powerful effect upon our feelings, passions and Sex nature; and it is thus easy to understand how his Rays are as a rule, more destructive than benevolent.

Mars rules the muscular system and, by sympathetic action, the nerves also. Fever and inflammatory complaints are the results of an excess of his hot, feverish energies.

Next to Saturn, Mars is the Planet which produces the most unfriendly and discordant conditions in the lives of men and women. Saturn is known as the Greater Infortune; while Mars is called the Lesser Infortune, being not quite as difficult to handle as Saturn because he moves much faster, and hence his influences pass over much quicker than those of Saturn.

When well aspected, Mars gives a strong constitution and great physical endurance. His people are positive, always self-reliant; usually generous, but proud, impulsive and very quick to fight for what they think are their rights. Being practical, they can make good use of their natural faculty of adaptation and resourcefulness. They are quick to learn, capable of great personal application and effort to gain the goal which attracts them.



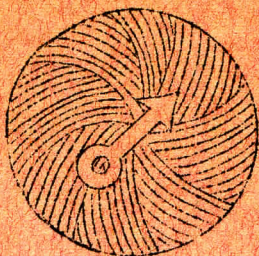
* MARS---THE PLANET OF ACTION *

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While Mars is known as the Lesser Malefic it is, however, just as important as any of the Planets and very necessary to the perfect activity of your life. If Venus, alone, governed the actions of our humanity there would be no strife and strain, no wars and conflict it is true. But neither would there be any progress, any initiative or ambition--for these are impulses that come from the fiery planet Mars. The whole of the animal nature in man is under the influence of Mars; and tho the greater the animal, the greater the God, eventually, all of this force and energy of Mars must be gradually transmuted into the higher spiritual vibrations of Venus. In every Chart, Mars shows the courage, the capacity for heroism, endurance, strength and power. And Mars can work for good as well as for evil. It is only when its influence is restricted, or perverted, when its force is abused, that it "mars" the life and leads one to distress, despair or destruction.

In the physical world Mars brings accidents, fevers, sickness and violence. But when seen from the Soul-Plane, when seen from the world of Cause, rather than Effect, we would clearly understand that sometime, somewhere, somehow, we have each one, put in action those causes which have to come forth later in our lives and affairs--in this present life or a previous one. We often do not need to go back to any other life than this present one to find the hidden causes of our sudden and disastrous experiences. On the physical plane, most of the adverse action of Mars is due to immediate causes. Those who rise to positions far above their birth are using the power of Mars in determination, strength of character, or great ambition--ambition for good or bad, but ambition. When Mars is weak in any chart it gives cowardice or faintheartedness that may lead to criminal tendencies; for a cruel and selfish nature is often the result of a weak and uncontrolled Mars influence.

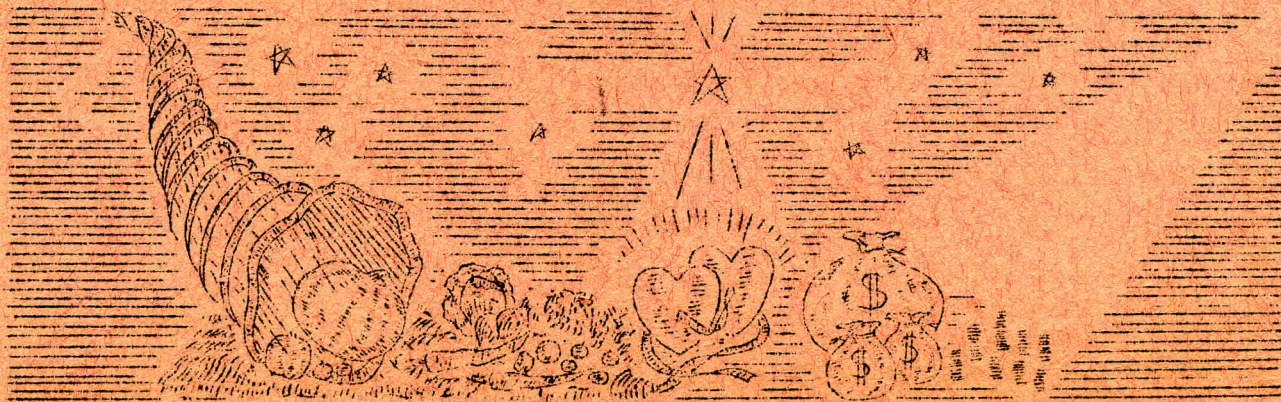
There is nothing beyond the mortal and perishable as far as the immediate influence of Mars is concerned. But its Ray will sooner or later bring man to the Throne of Venus, where the passion of the animal man is changed into the higher and purer emotion of Love; and the generative instincts are transmuted into the creative principle which, some day, will redeem and resurrect all Mankind. Thus Mars is truly the God of Life and Death, of physical animal life--which is yielded up when the animal in us dies and the human soul is born. For then the passions are dissolved and pass away and the man loses his animal life only to find Life Eternal within the Spirit. Mars is the fiery demon who binds the Soul in Hell or Purgatory, and keeps it in the bondage of the lower Astral Planes until it has become purified of all human dross and imperfection. Wonderful indeed is the true nature of Mars when we understand Him to be, literally, the Keeper of the Gates that lead up to the very Throne of the Almighty Himself. *****

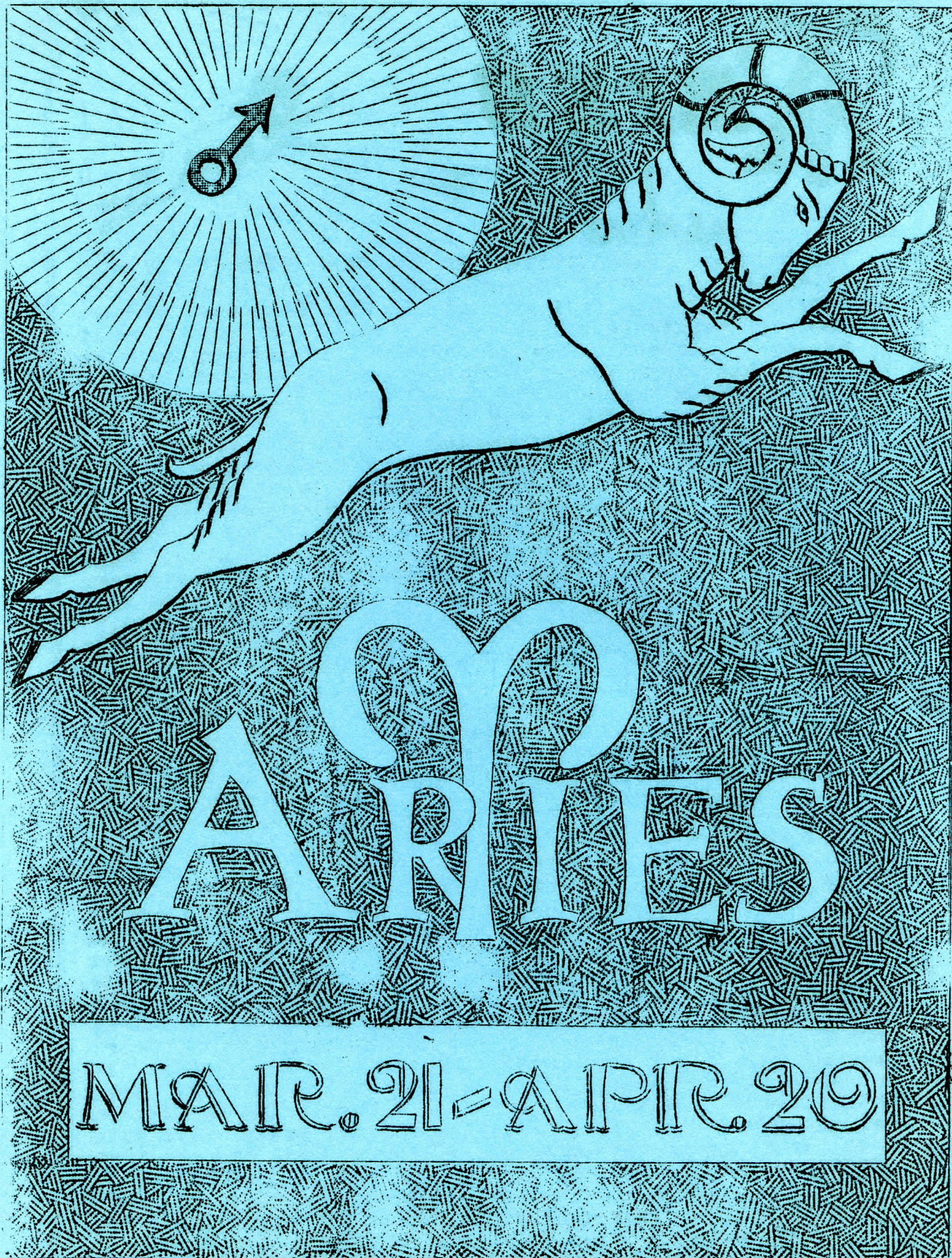


MARS IS THE PLANET WHICH PROVIDES THE ENERGY for the many different details of our daily activities. Sometimes it may provide too much energy, and then, if we are not careful, we have difficulties, accidents, sicknesses. If it does not provide sufficient energy, then we also have trouble. Mars requires almost two years to go around our chart, making many aspects with all the other Planets as he passes through the twelve Houses. Because each House is concerned with different matters, with the different parts of the body, and with the different aspects of life, we will have a constantly changing activity when Mars goes through each Sign and House. For example: when Mars is in Taurus there is danger of people going to excesses in eating and drinking and self-indulgence. This naturally produces certain illnesses, and certainly great danger from accidents and other mishaps due to unwise indulgence. Going into Cancer, the next Sign, Mars always affects those things and bodily organs ruled by Cancer. Consequently, Cancer ruling the stomach and intestines, an epidemic of digestive and gastric troubles follows. And as Cancer also rules the home, family, property and all our fixed possessions, there will be activity in these circles and subjects which require attention and protection from harm and danger. Leo, the following Sign, governs the heart and spinal column, and, sympathetically, the organs of generation, the throat and the circulation. Thus, all troubles we may already have in these organs will be intensified, or, if there is weakness in them, some new affliction may be started. Leo also governs children, love affairs and courtships; all sorts of pleasure, gambling and speculation. And in these matters there will be an increased activity and interest. According to your own natal aspects, they will be good or bad, pleasant or unpleasant, dangerous or incidental. Mars then continues its passage through the entire chart, until he returns to his "own place." That is, he comes back to the place in your chart he occupied at your birth. This is the beginning of a new Mars Cycle; and it is always important.

When Mars reaches its own place, and starts another Cycle of about two years, we usually feel a general impulse to move forward, to do something we have wanted to, or should; to go ahead now with our different ideas which require more than the usual amount of energy and initiative for their inauguration. It is a good time to begin things, launch forth in new plans and ideas--especially those which will require some time to get under way. A change of residence, a return to former homes and cities, travel, new interests and ideas appeal to us at these times. Mars on its own place will usually cause us to be restless and nervous, because of the surplus of energy and power which is pouring into our Aura and seeking expression. We need to carefully watch we do not become too ambitious, for this energy won't last forever.

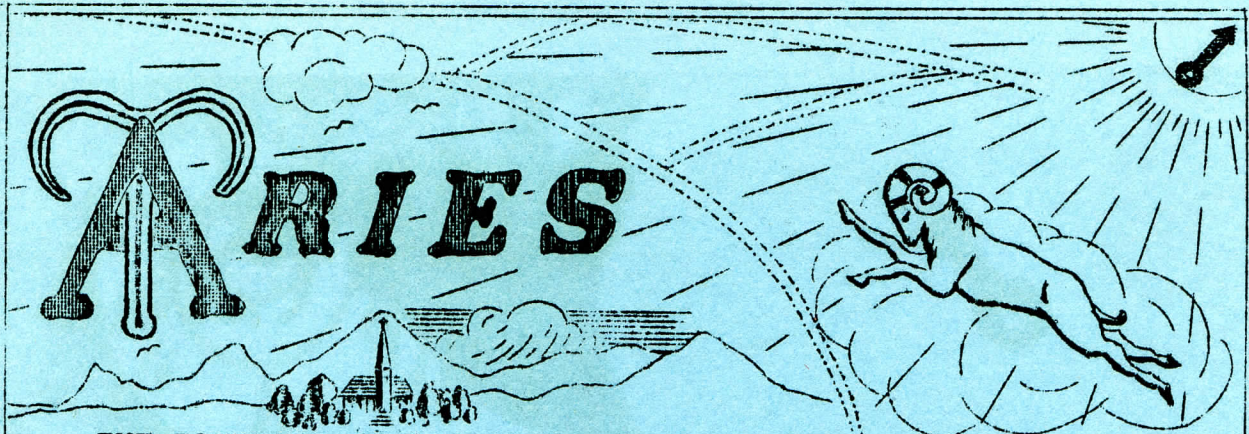
MARS RULES ARIES, THE FIRST SIGN OF THE ZODIAC, AND GIVES it that fierce pride and personality-consciousness, which is so characteristic of some Arians. And in the Sign of Aries we so often find the Pioneer, the Trail-Blazer, the Great Initiators and those Personalities who get things started--for Mars gives tremendous energy and vitality which cause the Arian native to seek sufficiently large channels to release this dynamic force. Yet their resistance is never great, their endurance is short-lived, and their struggles are over quickly--either in victory, or defeat; for Mars affects us just that way, in spurts of energy and strength. It never supports us for a long, sustained course of action. Like the dashing warrior at the head of his knights, Mars appears suddenly, strikes quickly, wins or loses--then disappears. And for this reason it is most important for each of us to know just when Mars is going to act, and how it is going to act. If we attempt to put something across in a business way, and Mars is not on the job to supply us with energy and initiative, with strength and ambition--we usually fail. And we wonder why! There is no success too far beyond our reach and realization if we will watch our Heavenly Chart of Energy and Action, and move in perfect harmony with its Cycles. Some Souls know by intuition, by just a 'hunch' when it is time to act and when not to act. If they follow their 'hunches' they come through with flying colors. And when they go counter to these mystic impulses, they always regret it! By using the Science of the Stars we do not need to depend upon our hunches---for hunches do not come at our beck and call like our pets. When we combine the Divine Wisdom of the Cosmic Plan that is revealed in the activities of Saturn and Mars, and aided by the Royal Jupiter, we are certain of success BEFORE WE BEGIN! And if our ideas or plans are different and somewhat unusual, we may be able to enlist the powerful support of Uranus, the Revolutionary, the Rugged Individualist. With his help we can often put across the most amazing, "impossible" deals. Every person who has achieved success, in either a great or small way, has done so because he worked, knowingly or ignorantly, in harmony with his Divine Plan of Power. ***





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THE DOMINANT CHARACTERISTIC OF THE TRUE ARIAN, ONE IN WHOM the flaming vitality of the Sun finds release, is LEADERSHIP. No genuine Arian was ever content to step back into obscure circles and passively follow the leader. For Aries himself is the born leader. When, through fate or circumstances, we find an Arian who is compelled to submerge himself within the nameless ranks of a group blindly, patiently, following another leader--we find a sadly frustrated soul indeed!

ARIES is ruled by the aggressive and warlike Planet Mars. Consequently, this combination almost always produces a vivid personality of great courage, ambition and initiative. However, this very characteristic of dynamic power and force has often been the cause of Aries' downfall. This wonderful initiative sometimes becomes entangled in enterprises which lead him into headlong ruin or destruction. Aries has very great idealism, but it can become fanatical and of a radical quality which can easily cause him to go off "half-cocked."

His great vital force is derived from the Fountain of Life itself; for Aries is the home of Mars, the Planet of dynamic and elemental energy. It is also the exaltation Sign of the Sun the giver of all Life which bursts forth each Spring.

CHILDREN born under the energetic Sign of Aries bubble over with life and enthusiasm, and often it is difficult to guide them safely within the limits of reason and commonsense. They are most self-assertive little souls, aggressive in the extreme, and determined to be in the leading place in whatever they do. Being daring and venturesome to a degree, they are often more than a match for their parents and guardians. These children require very careful attention when they are passing through their formative years, for whatever habits they develop during these years will follow them to the grave. And if wise care is not taken to prevent them from becoming attracted to habits of vice and dissipation while they are young, it will probably be impossible to remove such ideas from their nature, later on.

ARIANS make excellent supervisors and directors, for they possess a wealth of enthusiasm and easily project it to their associates, gently or forceably as the occasion may demand. It is impossible for a true Arian to do anything halfway. Once he is convinced that it is a good idea (according to his own perception, which is often sadly incomplete) Aries will give to the limit of his strength and resources to get the new idea under way--and then he may just as completely stop, for Aries is a Sign of sudden and tempestuous moods. It initiates many things with tremendous enthusiasm, but it loses interest once the idea or project is under way--and starts looking around for a new and novel situation for his talents and interest.

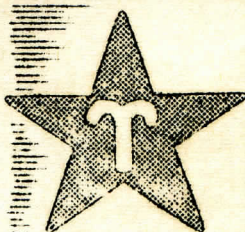


ARIES--THE RAM

LEADERSHIP AND IDEALISM ARE THE OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS of every Aries native regardless of whether he is living on the higher levels of spiritual life, or on the lower planes of the more elemental human world. And nowhere is this idealism more commonly met with than in his pursuit of his affections, in his search for Love. The expression of his idealism must, of course, be in keeping with mental and moral development; but regardless of whether the woman he loves be of the higher levels, or those Society in its selfish conceit calls vulgar, there will never be anything vulgar or common in his feelings for his sweetheart. The Arian in love is the eternal Knight in Shinning Armor, the Prince Charming who, like the knights of old, puts his beloved on a pedestal and worships her.

ARIES women have the same idealism, and they detest all that is common and vulgar in the affections. But in the Field of Love the Aries woman is at a disadvantage. However much she may be admired for her aggressiveness in the Field of Honor or personal achievement, it is not in the way of Nature for her to succeed when she uses her very strong aggressiveness in Love! Aries women are naturally very romantic, and given to sudden enthusiasm in Love. They are even violent in the expression of their affections, and often more forceful than the strong silent male likes. Hence, a practical tip to the Aries woman who wants to "get her man" is to let HIM do the preliminary pursuing!

IN THE world of business Aries natives always find plenty of opportunity for his truly splendid executive abilities. His aggressive self-confidence is acute; and this very quality could be his downfall as easily as his triumph, for his aggressiveness frequently runs to antagonism. Remember, Mars, Lord of War, rules Aries. They should strive to maintain harmonious conditions in the home and office. If Arian, your mind moves with the speeds of lightening and enables you to grasp a situation immediately, but your friends or helpers may not be so blessed. Having a natural ability for giving directions, you are impatient of the necessary routine that all things require for their completion. Still someone MUST take care of them if you don't--and this is one point where you can learn to be more appreciative of the 'drudge' who does your dirty work. The outstanding weakness of Aries in business, and in any success, is their tendency to give more attention to starting things than to finishing them. We must have things started it is true; but unless you are blessed with a staff of assistants at home or in the office who will complete the countless things you begin, only to quickly lose interest in, your chances for success are thin indeed. You are endowed for vivid and spectacular careers in political or ruling affairs. You are Ordained Warrior of the Zodiac and will easily make your ways to the top as a soldier or a leader in anything of a pioneering nature. The Planet Mars endows you with tremendous gifts of courage, boldness, initiative and executive ability. You can never aim too high or plan too grandly, for you are THE INITIATOR.



THERE ARE TWO DISTINCT TYPES OF ARIES PEOPLE.

There is the active, positive, dynamic type; and a type which, in many ways, is almost the complete opposite. This last type is passive and quiet; not having near the self-confidence and impulsiveness of the dynamic type--and consequently seldom getting into as many escapades as his wilder and more vigorous brother. The active type of Aries is tall, slim and muscular. His physical energy is intense, but as Mars is his Ruler, his energy comes in spurts, rather spasmodically, and does not give him much powers of endurance. While his affairs are progressing smoothly, he is usually able to make rapid advances; but if opposition and resistance become very strong, he does not seem able to hold out against it very long. His constitution is powerful, but of a sensitive, delicate character; and sudden, quick effort is more natural to him than any long continued activity.

Since Aries governs the head and face, Arians, of both types, suffer from headaches, sinus disorders, teeth troubles. A nervous agitation seems to be charging through them much of the time and often develops various fevers and inflammations. (Mars, being the Ruler, produces many fevers and violent sicknesses of an eruptive nature.) Arians usually recover, or succumb, quickly. They do not linger, as do other Signs, in those chronic diseases which gradually waste the life-force. Their constitution is not adapted to a long bout with illness of any sort; and they often manage to pull through on the strength of their "nerve." Aries is such a vivid, vital Soul he much prefers to give up quickly and get it over--rather than to linger along half-alive and always ailing.

The passive type of Aries is short in stature, with rounded skull, rather than the long head of his more active brother. His face is more fleshly and soft, the chin less pronounced and the profile quite resembling the symbol of his Sign, a Ram. There is considerable nervousness about him, a constant restlessness and uncertainty which must be carefully controlled and guided lest serious nervous afflictions result. His eyes are usually pale and blue, lacking the fire and vitality of the positive type, and filled with a rather sad, timid, bewildered expression. When understood from the Inner or Occult planes of observation, we can see, in this passive type, the real frustration and unhappiness which is the result of a deep consciousness of his being in a strange unnatural world. For Aries represents the First Coming, the First Expression of the Divine Spirit, down into matter, or the physical, earthly consciousness of human life and mind. Aries is that power and impulse which issues forth from the known or familiar, into the unknown, the unfamiliar; and until this precious Soul finds his Perfect Plan, and abides by it, he will always have to struggle painfully to get by in a world which is selfishly concerned with its own needs.

THE TRUE ARIAN IS A DYNAMIC,PULSATING FLAME OF LIFE. LIKE a dazzling comet he often flashes upon the scene of mortal life,fascinating and charming everyone with his vivid,powerful,scintillating personality. And just as quickly,he may flash away. He is out and gone before we have learned to grow accustomed to the speed and dash with which he moves into everything. His fearlessness is something to shame those of a more timid vision;and this makes him the perfect Adventurer into the Unknown and Unsolved. What he learns will usually be the result of his own experiences,for he is seldom content to take the wisdom of others and be satisfied with their opinions. Consequently,he frequently gets himself into jams which are dangerous and unnecessary,but,to him,the very spice of life. It is always the allure of the new and untried that challenges the Arian. And when the newness of anything begins to fade,his interest fades also; and he is likely to drop his work or activity just as fast as he picked it up. He is the self-starter,but very rarely is he a good finisher. Though he will carry the torch for any worth cause or endeavor,and with great personal sacrifice or expense,he is seldom willing to hold it after the goal has been sighted. Something else will then attract him,and he is off to new fields and new conquests. There is much of the shining Knight in Armor about this dynamic Sign.

Plenty of rashness, hot-flaming temper and impulsiveness is found in this Sign,for Aries is the Child of Mars,and it is inevitable that the terrific energy of this Planet should pour forth in great abundance at every chance. He moves,or likes to move,with the speed of light--for he is the First Emanation,the First Ray,from the Sun,the Source of all Light. He may be ready,and able,to knock your block off at the bat of an eye--but he forgives and forgets just as quickly. And this is perhaps one of his most loveable qualities;he seems incapable of holding a grudge,or nursing a spite,very long.

Aries has an eternal urge to experience everything for himself. No hearsay for him;no second-hand information, no hand-me-down thrills will ever excite or interest him. He is the Spirit of Individuality,and he can never be content with anything but a first-hand,personal experience of anything that seems worthwhile. While to many of the other Signs,the reckless impulsiveness of Aries may seem foolish and unwise, this Sign seems to carry with it a certain kind of Magic that protects its people from harm. It is like "Beginners-luck,"and it seldom abandons the courageous and adventurous Arian Soul when he plunges out into worlds that are little known,into planes that are mysteries for man,and about which terrible tales of dragons and spirits and things evil are abounding. Yet Aries will come through,with flying colors,or he will perish in a glorious attempt that really knows no defeat and is unable to recognize failure. *****

THE SOUL BORN UNDER ARIES SOMETIMES HAS DIFFICULTY IN seeing advantages in new ideas and new approaches in the material plane. While he is the pioneer in something that has never been approached or exploited, he inclines to stay well within the established lines of commercial or business enterprises. If his father followed a certain occupation he will follow it, along the lines laid down by the father. He prefers to specialize, and usually keeps entirely inside his own "line," knowing little and caring less about other branches of his own work. Aries has good practical sense in business, provided he does not have to resort to those cut-throat methods often dictated by business necessity. Rather than stoop to such means, he will abandon everything and start out in a new field.

The enthusiasm of Aries is contagious and moves everybody along with it, whenever he really turns on the steam. This gives him the sense of being forever young and vital; and it attracts people to him from all walks of life. He is usually optimistic and full of wonderful self-confidence, because he deals largely with the immediate duties and tasks and does not allow his imagination to wander out too far ahead of him. He makes an excellent diplomat; is very clever at devising expedients, and is the person to go for assistance when one is in an emergency. By moving in a straight line, from point to point, rather than confronting the problem as a whole, he is brilliantly able to solve each detail, one at a time, until the whole thing resolves itself into the proper condition of solution and satisfaction. For this reason Aries is sometimes accused of being inconsistent, insincere and tricky. He may seem to have changed his policy or attitude several times in regard to the same proposition; but this is because he does not consider the matter as a whole. He moves from point to point, and uses whatever attitude will solve that particular point.

This attitude of solving, or working with each problem in something of a piecemeal style, is also seen in his response to his friends and companions. Aries may love a person, and very ardently because of some one particular characteristic or trait--being completely indifferent to other traits he does not care for, or which the world would condemn. This makes him rather the idealist who sees just what he wishes to see, and ignores those things which are distasteful to him. In matters of love and the affections, Arians are, as a rule, very conventional and proper, quite intense and possessive in their relations. There is a peculiar tendency which is seen in many of the Arian women. They are entirely independent, and indifferent to any considerations, or restrictions, beyond their own desires. They have the courage of their convictions; and are the strong Souls who have often led their weaker sisters in the fight for women's rights, and equal opportunities with the men, as "free lances."

THE ARIES CHILD IS CALLED THE MOST BRILLIANT PUPIL OF THE Zodiac. And he is unquestionably all of this, if his teachers can keep his attention long enough to find out just how much he knows. He will usually know all the answers, for he has a mind that is alert, dynamic and extremely active. He will catch on instantly and see the solution to problems the other Signs would have to struggle over. He is quite aware of this ability, however, and may be inclined to slight his studies in the confident belief that he can catch up at the end of the term and come out with flying colors. This he often does, though he may put too heavy a burden on his very delicate nervous system through too much over-study. These children are absolutely fearless, and should be carefully watched to see that they do not get into danger unknowingly. Being born leaders, they will automatically seek to be at the head of everything they are interested in, and will do their best work when accepted as the gang's leader.

Aries knows his own mind, and never doubts his ability to do or get anything he wants. Because of this perfect, and bold, confidence, he often snatches away the prize from under the very nose of those less certain, though perhaps more capable, but who can not make up their minds. They are usually excellent speakers and orators. Being exact, sharp and able to go directly to the point in their debates or discussions, they quickly win the confidence and approval of the audience. In their more limited circles, their intimate friendships or family groups, this tendency can be somewhat irritating to others; for they see the point and go immediately to it, ignoring the round-about courtesies of polite society. This naturally leads to quarrels and disagreements, even though Aries is generally right about his conclusions and opinions.

ARIES is the great Individualist, faithful to Himself, his Ideals and his Beliefs to the end of his earthly Life. And to him, Life is essentially a Great Adventure. Certainly this is so in his love-life. Love is an exciting, inspiring challenge, and to fulfill his dream of the Great Passion he may dash to the very depths in his pursuit of the object of his affections. Love may not be a steady, quiet and enduring flame with Aries; but it will blaze forth, again and again, brighter after every disappointment--and forever full of hope and optimism. Like Leo and Sagittarius, the other Fire Signs, he is an Idealist. Disappointments can never quite completely discourage him; and being willing to forget the pains of the past, he can throw himself wholeheartedly into a New Conquest---and usually Aries achieves it! ****

